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EVOLUTION. By FRANK B. JEVONS, M.A., D.LITT. London: Methuen, 1900. Pp. 301. 3s. 6d.

THE title of this book is misleading, for there is little in it that concerns the theory of science that passes under the name of "evolution." Instead we have presented a discussion of how the thoughts and actions of a man will be modified who, accepting the theory of evolution, "wishes to do his best in the world." The book is therefore not one of science, but rather of philosophy, with a leaning toward the practical discussion of man's attitude and conduct through life.

The exposition of the theory of evolution is fairly accurate; indeed, it is founded chiefly upon the essays of Huxley, and consequently could hardly fail in this respect. The author is greatly troubled over the stoicism characteristic of many great scientific minds; a stoicism founded on the scientist's unflinching confidence in the uniformity of nature. It is difficult to understand why this confidence should be called faith, and faith of the same character as that which leads to the acceptance of a religious creed or certain principles of conduct. The confidence of the scientist is based on all the evidence that can be gathered; it has been strengthened with every year's advance; it would cease if a single exception were found to the established laws. This confidence has little or nothing in common, as a psychological process, with faith in a divine purpose, and Mr. Jevons is not convincing in his attempt to place the mental attitudes in the same class.

If it is one of the chief purposes of the book to establish an agreement between the "ethical process" and the "cosmic process," the conclusion is not completely satisfactory. But it is important to note how little a theory of conduct is affected by such a discussion. The attitude of optimism or pessimism rests with the individual's temperament rather than with a line of argument.

It must be confessed that the book seems very long for the conclusions summarized in the last chapter.

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ETHICS AND RELIGION. A Collection of Essays by SIR JOHN SEELEY, DR. FELIX ADLER, MR. W. A. SALTER, PROFESSOR HENRY SIDGWICK, PROFESSOR G. VON GIZYCKI, DR. BERNARD BOSANQUET, MR. LESLIE STEPHEN, DR. STANTON COIT, AND PROFESSOR J. H. MUIRHEAD. Edited by the Society of Ethical Propagandists. London: Sonnenschein, 1900. Pp. 324. 5s.

WE have in this book twelve essays by nine men. The preface states that "the majority of these essays were written ten years ago;